

## **Dual Enrollment: Myths vs. Facts**

MYTH FACT

**Myth:** Participation in dual enrollment is really not necessary during high school, especially considering that you have to pay to take dual enrollment courses.

**Myth:** The Dual Enrollment Grant will cover the costs of all dual enrollment courses taken by a student.

**Myth:** A student can access the HOPE scholarship to pay for the remaining balance not covered by the Dual Enrollment Grant without any further considerations.

**Myth:** Schools located in areas where a postsecondary institution is not easily accessible will not be able to access dual enrollment courses.

**Myth:** Districts are required to award high school credit for dual enrollment courses.

**Myth:** Our school already offers Advanced Placement (AP) and statewide dual credit courses, so there are no additional benefits for students to take dual enrollment courses. **Fact:** Participation in dual enrollment will provide students with a postsecondary experience and the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. Participation in dual enrollment also encourages postsecondary education and the acceleration of postsecondary attainment. Additionally, students who meet the eligibility and participation requirements for the Dual Enrollment Grant can take the first two courses for free.

**Fact**: The Dual Enrollment Grant award amounts at eligible two-year institutions and four-year institutions will be as follows:

- Up to \$500 for the first course
- Up to \$500 for the second course
- Up to \$200 for the third course
- No award for the fourth course

**Fact:** Students who receive the Dual Enrollment Grant award for **more than four (4)** dual enrollment courses over the junior and senior years will have the cost of additional courses reduced from their HOPE Scholarship on a dollar-for-dollar basis until funds are repaid. If the student is also a Tennessee Promise recipient, scholarship funds from the promise will cover all remaining tuition and fees including the amount deducted for dual enrollment courses.

**Fact**: Dual enrollment courses can be taught at the postsecondary campus, the high school, or online. The location of the course does not affect its status as a dual enrollment course. The only requirement is that the course must be taught by postsecondary faculty or credentialed adjunct faculty.

**Fact:** Districts determine whether or not to award high school credit and are responsible for entering course information on the student's high school transcript.

**Fact:** Dual enrollment helps to expand the portfolio of available options and allows students at various levels to access postsecondary courses.